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For: *CELL GROWTH SUBSTRATES WITH TETHERED CELL GROWTH EFFECTOR MOLECULES*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2002, please amend the claims and consider the remarks as follows. It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

In the claims

14. (Twice amended) A method for growing eukaryotic cells comprising
bringing into contact the cells and a composition comprising
a biocompatible solid substrate,
biocompatible polymeric tethers, and
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